

DAUGHTER AGAIN IN MOTHER'S CARE

Taken From Religious Convent
After Legal Proceedings
Are Instituted.

GIRL IS ANXIOUS TO REMAIN

Disappeared From Home in Roanoke,
and Is Found After
Six Months' Search.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Baltimore, Md., January 2.—After Madeline Wright, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth E. Wright, of Roanoke, Va., had disappeared from her home and sought the life of a sister in a religious convent here, the mother came to Baltimore and instituted legal proceedings to regain possession of her daughter. The case was argued before Judge Bond in the Court of Common Pleas here to-day and the jurist decreed that the young woman must leave the convent and remain with her mother until she is eighteen years of age.

The case is one of the most interesting brought to light in this city for some time. Until two months ago Mrs. Wright lived in Roanoke and then she moved to Washington. The testimony moved the spectators to tears. Mrs. Wright established the date of her daughter's birth by an old family Bible. Six months ago Miss Wright disappeared from her mother's home, and the mother has spent her entire time inquiring after her child.

She was located in St. Raphael's Institute of Providence, in this city.

Girl Finds in Court

Miss Wright was in court when Judge Bond rendered his decision, and she faints. Miss Wright will be eighteen years old in February, and she was directed to leave the convent with her mother until that time. She returned to the convent after the decree had been rendered.

The mother cried unceasingly while the case was being tried, and when the daughter, after deciding that she was of legal age, left the witness stand, the mother hid out her arms toward her as if she would embrace her, but the young girl passed her by without even a glance in her direction.

The daughter, who was in the black veil and flowing garments of a novice in the Roman Catholic Order of the Sisters of Providence, testified that she will be twenty-one years of age on the eighth day of next month, but the mother insists that she will reach her eighteenth year on that day. Mrs. Wright, who is a Protestant, says the girl was born in Roanoke, on February 8, 1896, and that she made her entry into the veil while in bed on the morning following the birth. The entry is simply that "Little Sister" Wright was born on the day before.

FEDERALS HOLD NUEVO LAREDO

Fighting in Plain View of Watchers
on American Side
of River.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Laredo, Tex., January 2.—The American garrison at Nuevo Laredo is still holding out against the rebels surrounding the city. Most of the fighting has been in plain view of watchers on the American side of the river.

Several hundred citizens of Laredo witnessed this afternoon the massacre of some thirty rebels, who were killed in the streets under cover of darkness and entrenched themselves close to the Federal trenches on the outskirts of the city. While the Federals in the trenches engaged the attention of the small band of rebels, a detachment of 200 Federals came up from the rear and fell upon the rebels in the trenches, killing about forty of them. The wounded were bayoneted and killed with bullets. A few of the trapped rebels managed to reach the river and swim across to the American side. To the west of the city a battle raged most of the day between a party of Federals, bound from Laredo to enforce the garrison at Nuevo Laredo, and a detachment of about the same number of rebels. The latter were finally victorious, and the Federals broke and fled, leaving several dead and wounded behind them.

For a short time this morning the rebels held the railroad station in the southern section of the city. They were driven out by a strong force of Federals, but managed to do considerable damage by setting fire to the station.

The rebels have made several dashes into the outskirts of the city and have done considerable execution with machine guns. Three large buildings in the suburbs are in flames to-night.

The rebels are awaiting the arrival of reinforcements from the north, and a concerted attack for possession of Nuevo Laredo.

A number of wounded rebels were brought across the river to-day from rebel headquarters and taken to the Red Cross Emergency Hospital.

Will Act in Antitrust Cases.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Washington, January 2.—Special district attorneys to proceed for the government in antitrust cases were appointed by Attorney-General McFeyn to-day. They are Mark Hyman, of the firm of Hyman & Campbell, New York City, and Marcus S. Hottenstein, of Allentown, Pa. Hyman has been assigned to the Eastern District of Buffalo, N. Y. Hottenstein will be placed in New York.

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DANIELS IN FAVOR OF VICE-ADMIRALS

Action Taken to Refer to Friction
Between Fletcher and Craddock
in Mexico.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Washington, January 2.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels to-day announced that he would advocate the appointment of four vice-admirals of the United States Navy as soon as Congress reconvenes.

This action is taken to refer directly to reported friction between Rear-Admiral Fletcher, in command of American battleships in Mexican waters, and Sir Christopher Craddock, an admiral of the British navy, in command of England's naval representation, who outranks Fletcher at once.

In the event of matters coming to a crisis in Mexico Sir Christopher would supersede Rear-Admiral Fletcher in point of rank, and the powers were agreed upon, would find itself virtually under the command of the Britisher.

So important does Secretary Daniels consider the matter that he has decided to discuss the needed legislation for advancing the rank of American naval officers by mail with Senator Ben Tillman, and Representative Padgett, of the Senate and House Naval Affairs Committee, at once.

Behind this activity lie rumors, described as intangible even by the Secretary of the Navy himself, which point to a degree of hostility and friction between the two admirals.

Aside from this there is a noticeable British trend toward assertion of British authority in Mexico contained in dispatches to the Navy Department which makes necessity of deference to the higher rank of a naval officer of another power unpleasant.

It is believed that John Lind, special envoy to Mexico, who has been in close touch with the naval situation at Vera Cruz, will discuss this matter with President Wilson at Pass Christian. The scout cruiser Chester has been ordered to wait upon him at Pass Christian. This is taken to mean that the special envoy will return to Mexico.

FIRE IN WAKE FOREST.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., January 2.—The Raleigh Fire Department contributed a steamer and other apparatus to-night, sent on a special train, to help put out a destructive fire in the heart of the business section of Wake Forest. At one time, when the appeal for help was sent, it looked as if the whole of the business section was doomed. In the end only the Citizens' Bank and the store of W. C. Brewer & Co. were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

The fire started in the W. C. Brewer & Co. store building at the second floor, and as yet the origin has not been ascertained. The Raleigh apparatus left on a special train at 8 o'clock, and the fire was soon reported under control.

WILL CONDEMN LAND.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Government to Proceed Against Cape Henry Property Owners.

Norfolk, Va., January 2.—Colonel D. B. Windsor, United States Army engineer in charge here, to-day was instructed by the War Department to proceed with the condemnation of land at Cape Henry, needed for the proposed fortification site at the place, and for which Congress has made appropriations. United States Attorney Gruber will at once proceed with the legal work of the war.

APPEAL FOR RELIEF OF HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

American Red Cross Asks Contributions for Destitute
Bulgarians.

SOUGHT BY QUEEN ELEANORA

General Devastation of Country
Causes Pitiful State of
Starvation.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Washington, January 2.—A nationwide appeal was sent out by the American Red Cross to-day, by Charles L. Magee, secretary, requesting donations for the relief of the thousands of refugees left destitute by the Balkan wars. This appeal is in answer to the pathetic cablegram sent on New Year's Day by Queen Eleanora, of Bulgaria, to Miss Mabel Boardman, chairman of the Central American Red Cross Society, imploring aid for the Bulgarian refugees. The Queen's cablegram follows:

"Poliss, Sophia, January 1. 'Miss Mabel Boardman, 'Red Cross, 150 P. Street, Washington, D. C.

"In view of urgent and increasing needs of refugees, and of Woodruff's statement to me on his return from Washington, I venture to appeal to you in support of an American committee just formed and qualified to receive and disburse any aid now at your disposal. 'ELEANORA."

In the prompt response of the Red Cross to this, Secretary Magee requests all the agents of the society scattered through America to publish the telegram in their local papers, and request their local treasurers to receive donations. In addition to Secretary Magee the telegram was signed by several directors of the society and was as follows:

"January 2, 1914.

"Queen Eleanora of Bulgaria, cabled to the American Red Cross yesterday, asking relief for thousands of refugees left destitute by the Balkan wars. The Queen's request, coupled with that of many Americans there, say thousands are homeless, shelterless, hungry and freezing in the unusually cold weather that has swept Europe. Arrangements have been made to forward all contributions through the American Red Cross to Queen Eleanora, for use under the direction of an American-Bulgarian joint committee. Will you please request your local papers to publish this statement, naming your local treasurer to receive donations?"

"Charles L. Magee, secretary. 'J. V. Cameron, Red Cross office, Russell Sage Foundation Building, New York.

"Judge Henry Stockbridge, Baltimore, Md.

"Gardner M. Lane, 44 State Street, Boston, Mass.

"Orson Smith, 113 West Adams Street, Chicago, Ill.

"Mrs. Thelma McCallum, 2500 California Street, San Francisco, Cal."

Interests in the Red Cross office in the Bulgarian telegram is a missionary to the distribution of food, clothing and other necessities to the suffering Bulgarians. A committee of Americans and Bulgarians, through which any aid rendered by the American Red Cross will be disbursed, Queen Eleanora is at the head of this committee, and the distribution of food, clothing and other necessities will be very likely purchased for the sufferers will be under her supervision.

In an interview, Miss Mabel Boardman said to-day: "I talked to Dr. Woodruff in New York last October, when he was here, trying to arouse sympathy for the Bulgarian sufferers. He had visited Bulgaria. He said the winters in Bulgaria were most severe and that large numbers of the population had no houses, no work, and in many cases, no clothes."

"The object of the Red Cross is to aid in re-establishing industrial conditions in the North."

"We plan to have agricultural experts help them till the soil, and it is expected their needs will be a great number of seed and other agricultural necessities."

"Due to the general devastation of the country there was no harvest this fall, and this is one of the reasons that there exists to-day such a pitiful state of starvation. We consider it very important that every one who is old people and children should be made to work for their provisions. These people are very self-respecting and do not like to be helped."

"In a recent letter received from a Miss Abbott, teacher of a mission school in the stricken district, she says that Americans have thus far this winter sent \$5,000 for the relief of the starving people."

"General Nelson A. Miles, who recently passed through Bulgaria, has told me most pitiful tales of the sufferings, he says in one small village in which he spent a night, twenty-four children died in one night."

"Ex-Senator Lafayette Young, who still is abroad, has written me heart-rending stories of the great suffering of the people."

"No words can possibly express my great admiration for the valiant courage of Queen Eleanora. She is a German princess, and with the dauntless spirit of her noble race has risen to the occasion of this terrible calamity, and is leading in a masterful way the work of redemption of thousands of doomed lives."

"Queen Eleanora is a graduate Red Cross nurse."

Ultimatum to Huerta.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)

Mexico City, January 2.—Venustiano Carranza is reported to have delivered an ultimatum to Huerta, calling upon him to resign within ten days, failing in which, a general advance upon the capital will be ordered.

San Luis Potosi and Monterey are both isolated to-night. There are strong rumors that San Luis fell this afternoon. The government ordered 100 cars to-night for the transportation of troops to San Luis, but the railroad has been out in several places.

A consignment of 134 rapid fire guns and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition was received to-day from France. This is part of an order for 400 rapid fire guns, 10,000,000 rounds of ammunition, and 300 cannon, which was placed some time ago.

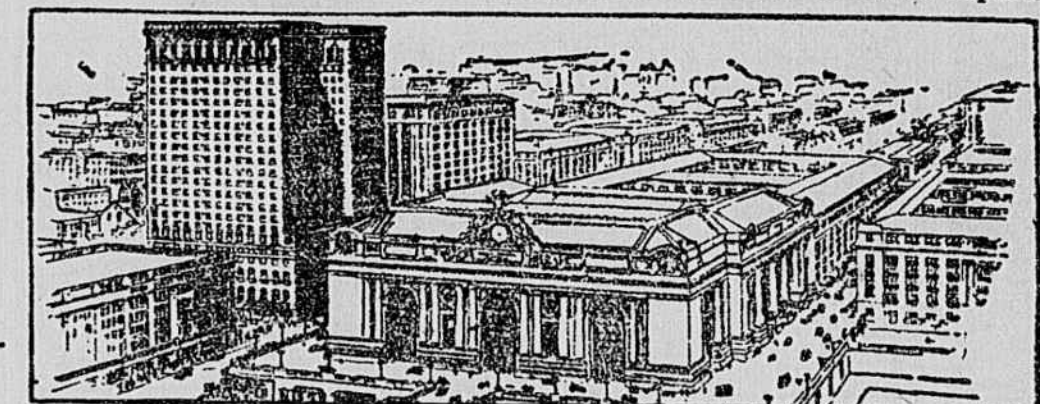
The rebels to-day burned a freight train of twenty-one cars between San Luis and Tampico, killing the crew.

Planning Attack on Tampico.

Yera, January 2.—The rebels are reported to be planning another attack on Tampico. Large quantities of ammunition and several machine guns have been received at rebel headquarters in the past few days, according to information from Federal sources. In addition to the full garrison at Tampico there are 1,200 Federal troops at Yera. The garrison at Yera started for Tampico to-day with a large quantity of war material.

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REBELS CLOSING IN ON SAN LUIS POTOSI

Reports That Federal Troops at
Monterey and Saltillo
Have Revolted.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Mexico City, January 2.—Owing to the rapid increase of rebels about San Luis Potosi and the seeming imminence of an attack on that city, freight traffic into the city from the south over the only line open, has been suspended. Telegraphic reports from San Luis Potosi to-day said the rebels from the North and West were closing in on the town, and small bands were moving in from the East and South.

Reports are current that Federal troops at Monterey and Saltillo have revolted, but there is no confirmation of this. Communication with both cities is cut off.

Indications are that the rebels threatening San Luis Potosi are those led by men whose activity has been confined to that part of Mexico, and who have never taken part in the operations in the North. General Gutierrez and Francisco Carranza appear to be the dominant leaders, supported by the Cedillo brothers, who for months have been operating along the railroad line from San Luis Potosi to Tampico.

Private advices received here place the number of rebels about San Luis Potosi as high as 5,000. The majority are at Boca, twenty-five miles north of San Luis Potosi, on the National Railroad, to which place the rebels have been brought from Northern Tamaulipas.

Railroad men know practically nothing concerning what is going on north of San Luis Potosi, where the rebels are in control as far as Saltillo. Advices received by them to-day said that two construction trains, with a complement of troops, had been destroyed near Monterrey, halfway between San Luis Potosi and Saltillo.

The report said 300 soldiers were killed. It is understood workmen on the train were impressed into the rebel army. The trains were blown up December 20, but the news arrived here only to-day by courier.

Not being convinced that General Romero will be able successfully to resist the rebels, many well-to-do residents of San Luis Potosi have arrived in the capital and others are reported coming here.

Through the Inter-Oceanic Railroad to Vera Cruz, which was suspended a few days ago as a result of the dynamiting of a troop train by the rebels near Jalapa, was resumed to-day.

The banking situation here continues critical. The bank of London and Mexico is still availing itself of President Huerta's extended (which, of course, may be an exigency call for a change) these men will be treated as I have stated; that is they will be treated as refugees. How long they

Villa Will Go to Ojinaga.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

El Paso, Texas, January 2.—General Villa proposes to start for Ojinaga tomorrow morning to take personal command of the siege. The delay in driving out the Federalists has displaced the rebel leader, and he proposes to make sure of it when he arrives on the scene.

It transpires that one of Villa's chief concerns now is the revival of American confidence in Mexican industries. He has guaranteed full protection to those who wish to resume mining and other operations in the North. He has asked representatives of American banking houses to arrange for the opening of a state bank to handle the rebel funds. He stands ready to deposit \$100,000 in silver to start such a bank.

Villa has spent most of his time since arriving at Juarez in his business office, receiving hundreds of callers every day. He has replaced his usual campaign suit with a tailor-made suit of American cut, and has the general appearance of a prosperous and active business man.

Nurses Ordered to Presidio.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Washington, January 2.—Orders were sent from the American Red Cross office here to-day dispatching six Red Cross nurses, now at El Paso, Texas, immediately to Presidio, Mexico. Miss A. L. Dietrich, chairman of the El Paso Red Cross committee, will have the choosing of the nurses and the selection of provisions and other relief necessities which will go with them.

It is expected that another half dozen nurses will be ordered to service in Mexico early next week.

Both Sides Lose Heavily.

(By Army Telephone to Marfa.)

El Paso, January 2.—The attempt of the rebels to-night to cut off a rebel advance led by General Ortega in the son was repulsed after a desperate fight, in which both sides lost heavily. The repulse was followed immediately by a resumption of artillery fire, and the cannonading is fiercer at this hour than it has been at any time since the battle opened.

The object of the Federals, when they sallied from Ojinaga, was to cut off General Ortega's headquarters, was

will be permitted to stay and all other hypothetical questions I am unable to answer."

to get not only General Ortega himself, but to capture a number of machine guns which the Federals in some way knew that Ortega was bringing up through a deep arroyo for the purpose of operating them from a point which would sweep the rebel trenches on the slope leading to the town. The battle at this point raged for nearly half an hour, and the machine guns which the Federals coveted were turned against them with deadly effect as they were exposed to a galling fire from the rebels protected by the arroyo.

The report that General Mercado and General Castro had deserted or that they are missing is untrue. They were both seen in Ojinaga this afternoon and gave assurances that they would be fighting rather than surrender Ojinaga. They said that so far from having six guns, the Federals have twenty large field pieces, and hundreds of rounds of ammunition for each, and that if General Ortega is waiting for the exhaustion of Federal ammunition before attempting to take the town by assault, his men will be much older when they get in than they are to-day.

Sheriff Chastain, of Presidio County, who arrested a Federal officer this morning at Marfa at the Saint George Hotel and found in his room a valise containing \$145,500 Mexican money which he had stolen from the Federal army, was sent over to Ojinaga, and will be distributed among the soldiers during the first lull in battle.

Water Supply Restored.

Montreal, Que., January 2.—The water supply of this city was restored at 9 o'clock to-night. There was great rejoicing throughout the city, and thousands of persons enjoyed the first bath in eight days.

Sinners Summarily Executed.

Juarez, January 2.—Captain Crescencio Flores, paymaster of the Constitutional army, was shot and fatally wounded this evening in Benito Juarez Park by one of a party of five Federals, who came over from El Paso. All five of the paymaster's assailants were captured by a detachment of Constitutional cavalry and summarily executed.

American-made rifles and ammunition were issued to many of the soldiers and recruits in the garrison here to-day.

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